REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 55-72, 75, 89-95, and 97-120 have been canceled without prejudice for re-presentation in a continuing application. No new matter has been introduced, and entry of the above revised claims is respectfully requested.

Allowable subject matter

Applicants acknowledge the indication of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9-12, 15, 19, and 20 as allowable. Applicants point out, however, that claims 80-88 were not included in either of the alleged rejections in the Office Action mailed January 29, 2007. Therefore, Applicants believe that these claims were inadvertently indicated as rejected when they should have been included as part of the allowable subject matter. This belief is consistent with the fact that these claims depend, directly or indirectly, from allowable claim 1.

Reducing the issues of record

To minimize the issues in the instant application, Applicants have canceled claims 55-72, 75, 89-95, and 97-120, which were previously alleged as unpatentable. The claim cancellations are made without acquiescence to any alleged rejection.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

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